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Participated in meeting with Mr. Wolf and Ed Saunders at which several points were discussed.

1. Mr. Wolf returned to Mr. Saunders the letter from the Bureau of the Budget which states, in substance, that our budget has been approved as submitted with relatively minor reductions, insofar as the Bureau is concerned. Mr. Saunders reported that, according to the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of Defense, there probably will be no supplemental appropriation request in which our building fund could be imbedded prior to March.

2. Mr. Wolf gave Mr. Saunders certain correspondence which had been returned to the Director from Admiral Dennison, Naval Aide to the President, concerning the Medal of Freedom. It appears that two recommendations for this award cannot be made since the present law authorizes that it be presented by the Secretaries of the Army, Air Force, and Navy only. Admiral Dennison suggests that we discuss this matter with the Bureau of the Budget in order to make whatever alterations are necessary to enable the Director to make these awards also. Mr. Wolf requested that Mr. Saunders discuss the matter with Mr. Schaub without indicating that the Director has any official or personal interest at this time.

3. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Saunders agreed that it would be an excellent idea to have the General Counsel look into the method of handling of our various Agent Cashier accounts. Mr. Saunders reported that he had had conferences with the Office of the Secretary of Defense which he thought would result in all of our appropriations being transferred from the Army, Navy, and Air Force to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, thence to CIA, which would make it much more difficult for anyone to detect our funds as they are transferred.

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apparently the opinion that even though projects for these monies had been approved by the Director it is appropriate for the Project Review Committee to review the projects at this time to determine whether they care to continue them at the present cost, etc. Mr. Saunders will bring this up at the PRC Meeting tomorrow.

5. Mr. Saunders reported that OPC had apparently purchased a television set to watch the San Francisco Peace Treaty Conferences. He questioned the propriety thereof, as did Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Wolf requested that Mr. Saunders find out who had approved of this expenditure and to let him know.